

In the past decade, the former Soviet bloc national have struggled to turn from central planning to market forces and citizen participation. Developing countries abandoned bankrupt nations like "import substitution" in favor of market-based solutions. OECD countries deregulated and dismantled trade barriers. New technology, especially information technology, provided the means to take advantage of newly opened markets. Goods and capital move with amazing speed.

Open markets make the global economy more efficient. But there's a distinction between efficiency and equity. Open markets do not make prosperity more fair. Many citizens believe it is not fair enough. They see widening income gaps, job insecurity, environmental damage, a less certain future.

The next round of global trade talks can't make opening markets an end in itself. We no longer have to convince the world that our economic system is more efficient. The task now is to show that our system also improves the quality of their lives. We need to show that our system delivers benefits to them. It has to make them better off. If we fail to do that, we will face a world polarized by poverty as it was once polarized by cold war ideology.

SENATE RESOLUTION 179—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 15, 1999, AS "NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY"

Mr. BIDEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 179

Whereas according to the American Cancer Society, in 1999, 175,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,300 women will die from this disease;

Whereas in the decade of the 1990's, it is estimated that about 2,000,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, resulting in nearly 500,000 deaths;

Whereas the risk of breast cancer increases with age, with a woman at age 70 years having twice as much of a chance of developing the disease as a woman at age 50 years;

Whereas at least 80 percent of the women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease;

Whereas mammograms, when operated professionally at a certified facility, can provide a safe and quick diagnosis;

Whereas experts agree that mammography is the best method of early detection of breast cancer, and early detection is the key to saving lives;

Whereas mammograms can reveal the presence of small cancers up to 2 years or more before a regular clinical breast examination or breast self-examination, reducing mortality by more than 30 percent; and

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer is currently 97 percent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate programs and activities.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution designating

October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day". I have submitted a similar resolution each year since 1993, and on each occasion the Senate has shown its support for the fight against breast cancer by approving it.

Each year, as I prepare to submit this resolution, I look at the latest information from the American Cancer Society about breast cancer. This year, the news is depressingly familiar: in 1999, an estimated 175,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 43,300 women will die of this disease.

In the midst of these gloomy numbers, however, one statistic stands out like a beacon of hope: the 5-year survival rate for women with localized breast cancer is a whopping 97%. Moreover, we already know one sure-fire method for detecting breast cancer when it is at this early, highly curable stage: periodic mammograms for all women over age 40. Periodic mammography can detect a breast cancer almost 2 years earlier than it would have been detected by breast self-examination. The importance of periodic mammography for women's health is recognized by health plans and health insurers, and virtually all of them cover its cost. Low-income women who do not have health insurance can get free mammograms through a breast cancer screening program sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Given all this, that modern mammography is highly effective in discovering breast cancer at a very early stage, rarely causes any discomfort, and generally cost nothing, why aren't all women over 40 getting this valuable test every year? One answer is that we are human, and we all forget things, especially as we get older. Even if we remember that we need a mammogram, we often have so many things going on in our lives that we just keep putting the mammogram off for that "less busy" day that never comes. Consequently, we need a "National Mammography Day" to remind us that we need to make sure all the women in our lives don't overlook this crucial preventive service.

How should we use "National Mammography Day" to achieve our goal of fighting breast cancer through early diagnosis? This year, National Mammography Day falls on Friday, October 15, right in the middle of National Breast Cancer Awareness month. On that day, let's make sure that each woman we know picks a specific date on which to get a mammogram each year. I well understand how easy it is to forget to do something that comes around only once per year, but for each of us there are certainly some dates that we don't forget: a child's birthday, an anniversary, perhaps even the day our taxes are due. On National Mammography Day, let's ask our loved ones: pick one of these dates, fix it in your mind along with a picture of your child, your wedding, or another symbol

of that date, and promise yourself to get a mammogram on that date every year. Do it for yourself and for the others that love you and want you to be part of their lives for as long as possible.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in the ongoing fight against breast cancer by cosponsoring this resolution to designate October 15, 1999, as National Mammography Day.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 1621

Mr. BOND (for Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 62, line 10, add the following before the period "": *Provided*, That within the funds available, \$250,000 shall be used to assess the potential hydrologic and biological impact of lead and zinc mining in the Mark Twain National Forest of Southern Missouri: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to issue a prospecting permit for hardrock mineral exploration on Mark Twain National Forest land in the Current River/Jack's Fork River—Eleven Point Watershed (not including Mark Twain National Forest land in Townships 31N and 32N, Range 2 and Range 3 West, on which mining activities are taking place as of the date of enactment of this Act); *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to segregate or withdraw land in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri under section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1714)"

VETERANS COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1999

ROCKEFELLER (AND SPECTER) AMENDMENT NO. 1622

Mr. BROWNBACK (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. SPECTER)) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1076) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 66, strike lines 9 through 19 and insert the following:

SEC. 101. CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR VETERANS.

(a) INCLUSION OF NONINSTITUTIONAL EXTENDED CARE SERVICES IN DEFINITION OF MEDICAL SERVICES.—Section 1701 is amended—